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THE CHURCH AND ACTORS

In the Christian Century, its issue of December 20, 1919, we note the following under the heading "Methodists Bar Actors": "The bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church have decided formally that actors are not eligible to membership in their church. At a meeting held at Atlantic City recently the question came up and discipline was interpreted in this way. Bishop Berry who presided at the meeting said for the bishops that since dancing and theater going are 'prohibited iniquities,' the church could hardly be expected to admit those who are responsible for their promotion. Meanwhile the church faces a grave problem with the thousands of members who dance and go to theaters. Should they not also be expelled?" It seems to the Mist that the eminent divines, while they are taking the logical standpoint under the church doctrine, are getting away from the real standpoint of church usefulness. We have heard of an eminent divine who was in charge of a San Francisco church and the divine and the church were both great powers for good. There were many of his congregation who did not strictly follow the rules of the church and it was suggested that they be "barred from the church." The minister said, "These people do things of which I do not approve but as long as they are in the church, I will have some influence on them and possibly be instrumental in saving them. Once out of the church, they are lost to me. My influence with them has ceased." It is evident that this minister was not at the conference in Atlantic City. Had he been, it is possible that such a narrow minded action would not have been taken. If we want to see actors or actresses, it will now be necessary for us to go to the theaters, for under the ruling set forth above, we cannot hope to see them at church.

A CREDIT TO THE STATE

The Annual Edition of the Oregonian was a credit to the state of Oregon and to the Oregonian. The descriptive matter and pictures of Oregon's resources will attract the attention of the non-resident and will serve to impress upon the Oregon resident the great resources and advantages of the state in which he lives.

This year, as in former years, the Oregonian has done a great service for the state.

Commenting on the personnel of the legislature, the Oregon Voter has this to say of the representative from Columbia county, Hon. Sherman M. Miles: "Only democrat elected to Oregon legislature, 1920, against republican opposition; because of his high standing and because his politics were so well concealed that inadvertently he was appointed by A. L. Mills to solicit republican campaign funds for national committee; one of the well-known bankers of Oregon; attained a fine record for successful activity in patriotic drives. Born St. Helens, 1888; public schools, Salem and Portland; Capital Business College, Salem; Willamette University; entered banking business; now president Columbia County Bank and vice president and manager of First National Bank of St. Helens; reticent about himself; averse to eulogy; should be a very valuable member."

Recorder Quick has a record of which he may well feel proud. In his eight years of service as recorder and water clerk, not once have the books been expected except recently and when the audit was completed, it was found that the city owed Quick \$7.25. No necessity of bonding such an official.

And while you are figuring on other things for the year 1921, get your pencil sharpened for your income tax report.

The 1921 green auto license looks much better than the 1920 red one. Have you played the green yet?

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Helens, Ore., December 27th, 1920.

The city council met on the above date in regular session. Present: Magnus Saxon, mayor; W. E. Brower, James O'Connor, C. L. Wheeler, and N. O. Larabee, councilmen; E. E. Quick, city recorder; George Potter, city marshal; J. W. Day, city attorney.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. Reports: The marshal reported that he had not been able to do anything toward the construction of the culvert at the head of Nigger creek in West St. Helens, owing to the stormy weather and lack of help. Councilman Brower reported that he had examined the culvert to be placed across the head of Nigger creek, and that in his opinion if a bridge made of plank, about 8 feet in width by 12 feet in length would answer the purpose, provided the ditch was opened above and below the bridge. The same was discussed, and the marshal directed to see that the lumber was delivered on the ground, and to see that the work was done.

In the matter of a cross walk near what is known as the "Tabernacle"

Councilman Larabee reported that he had been interviewed in the matter and that a very bad mud hole was located at said crossing. Same was discussed, and it was decided that about three loads of crushed rock was necessary to fix it. The marshal was instructed to order the rock and have the mud hole fixed up suitable for travel.

In the matter of the heroic act of Jimmy Buss in saving the life of a boy companion, was brought to the attention of the council, and it appearing to the council that it would be fitting and proper to take official notice of the same, a motion was made and carried that the recorder prepare a suitable letter expressing the views of the council and official recognition of the brave act.

No further business appearing on motion made and carried the meeting adjourned.

Attest: E. E. QUICK, Recorder.

A PLAIN LETTER

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

There seems to have been some complaint lately about subscribers not having received their papers. The publishers are no doubt responsible for some of this, but possibly part of the trouble should be laid to others.

However, we want everyone who appreciates the Mist to get a copy, and we have sincerely tried to make our service the best possible.

Like any other country newspaper we have on our subscription list the names of many people who have allowed their subscriptions to lapse for two, four or even six years. Most of them apparently want the paper for we are sure to hear from them if they miss a copy, but they do not seem to consider it necessary to pay more than once in a lifetime. That is very poor business, especially from the newspaper's standpoint. According to law, a publisher cannot collect for expired subscriptions. It is evident, then, that the country publisher trusts his subscribers more than other kinds of merchants trust their customers, for nobody could let his grocery bill run for six years, especially if the groceryman were unable to make the collection legally.

We believe that most of the subscriptions in arrears are caused by forgetfulness or carelessness on the part of the subscribers. The city newspapers have a way of reminding people when their subscriptions are out; their paper is stopped. But if the country paper tries this it immediately strikes a snag. The slightest subscriber takes it as a personal matter and right away there is some explaining to do. Why should there be this difference?

Then, we no doubt have on our lists parties who do not care to take the paper any longer, but do not notify us of their desire. If they do not want the paper we do not care to waste good material and labor sending it to them.

The Mist has tried in every way possible to live up to the standard of a good country newspaper, but like anyone else who does anything at all, we make mistakes now and then. We have stood up for the principles in which we believe and shall continue to do so. We have not exploited any personal or sectional feelings or issues, but rather the matters of a general nature of interest to everyone, and we want the support of every citizen in Columbia county.

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PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Church school at 10 a. m.

Morning worship at 11 a. m.

Subject, Getting Along With Other People.

Evening worship at 7:30.

Subject, "The Dragon's Teeth".

Subject, "Getting Along With Other People."

We have taken up the graded lessons in our church school in an effort to measure up to the Pilgrim standard. Experience has taught us that a lasting impression is not made by contests or running a race to see who shall have the largest numbers, but by laying a foundation upon which a real character may be established. We invite all who are not members of any Sunday School to unite with us.

Kimbell Kent Clark, Pastor.

For a Persistent Cough

Some years ago H. P. Burbage, a student at law in Greenville, S. C., had been troubled for a long while with a persistent cough which he says, "greatly alarmed me, causing me to fear that I was in the first stage of consumption. Having seen Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised he concluded to try it. I soon felt a remarkable change and after using two bottles of the small size was permanently cured."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to most sincerely thank our many friends who extended their condolence and showered the beautiful flowers on the bier of our beloved daughter and sister, Laura, in this our sad bereavement.

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